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In re Application of
Michael F. MALONE, et al.
Application No. 10/674,910
Filed: September 29, 2003
For: FORENSIC COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND
METHOD

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:DECISION ON PETITION
:TO MAKE SPECIAL
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This is a decision on the petition to make special filed July 19, 2004 under 37 C.F.R. §102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02(XI): Inventions For Countering Terrorism, to make the above-identified application special.

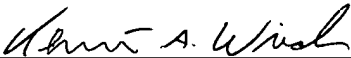
M.P.E.P. §708.02 (XI) sets forth the prerequisites for a grantable petition for Inventions For Countering Terrorism under 37 C.F.R. § 102(d).

M.P.E.P. §708.02 (XI) INVENTIONS FOR COUNTERING TERRORISM

In view of the importance of developing technologies for countering terrorism and the desirability of prompt disclosure of advances made in these fields, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office will accord "special" status to patent applications relating to counter-terrorism inventions.

International terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2331 includes "activities that - (A) involve violent acts or acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State, or that would be a criminal violation if committed within the jurisdiction of the United States or of any State; [and] (B) appear to be intended - (i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by assassination or kidnapping..." The types of technology for countering terrorism could include, but are not limited to, systems for detecting/identifying explosives, aircraft sensors/security systems, and vehicular barricades/disabling systems.

Petitioner's submission meets the criteria set out above with respect to countering terrorism as in M.P.E.P. § 708.02(XI). Accordingly, the Petition is **GRANTED**.


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